deſtroys the conſtitution before it is formed; hardening the heart as it weakens the underſtanding.

I ſhould, in fact, be averſe to boarding-ſchools, if it were for no other reaſon than the unſettled ſtate of mind which the expectation of the vacations produce. On theſe the children's thoughts are fixed with eager anticipating hopes, for, at leaſt, to ſpeak with moderation, half of the time, and when they arrive they are ſpent in total diſſipation and beaſtly indulgence.

But, on the contrary, when they are brought up at home, though they may purſue a plan of ſtudy in a more orderly manner than can be adopted when near a fourth part of the year is actually ſpent in idleneſs, and as much more in regret and anticipation; yet they there acquire too high an opinion of their own importance, from being allowed to tyrannize over ſervants, and from the anxiety expreſſed by moſt mothers, on the ſcore of manners, who, eager to teach the accompliſhments of a gentleman, ſtifle, in their birth, the virtues of a man. Thus brought into company when they ought to be ſeriouſly employed, and treated like men when they

they are ſtill boys, they become vain and effeminate.

The only way to avoid two extremes equally injurious to morality, would be to contrive ſome way of combining a public and private education. Thus to make men citizens two natural ſteps might be taken, which ſeem directly to lead to the deſired point; for the domeſtic affections, that firſt open the heart to the various modifications of humanity, would be cultivated, whilſt the children were nevertheleſs allowed to ſpend great part of their time, on terms of equality, with other children.

I ſtill recollect, with pleaſure, the country day ſchool; where a boy trudged in the morning, wet or dry, carrying his books, and his dinner, if it were at a conſiderable diſtance; a ſervant did not then lead maſter by the hand, for, when he had once put on coat and breeches, he was allowed to ſhift for himſelf, and return alone in the evening to recount the feats of the day cloſe at the parental knee. His father's houſe was his home, and was ever after fondly remembered; nay, I appeal to ſome ſuperiour men, who were educated in this manner, whether the